

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
MEDICAL ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION
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To: Blood Banks
Managed Care Plans
CSO Administrators
Regional Administrators

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Subject: Update to the Resource Based Relative Value Scale (RBRVS) and Vendor Rate Increase for Blood Banks

Effective with dates of service on or after July 1, 2001, the Medical Assistance Administration (MAA) will implement:

- The updated Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Data Base (MPFSDB) Year 2001 relative value units (RVUs);
- The updated Medicare Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule (MCLFS);
- The Year 2001 additions of Current Procedural Terminology (CPT™) codes;
- Health Care Financing Administration Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Level II codes;
- Technical Changes; and
- A legislatively appropriated two and one-tenth percent (2.1%) vendor rate increase.

Maximum Allowable Fees

In updating the fee schedule with Year 2001 RVUs and clinical laboratory fees, MAA maintained overall budget neutrality. The 2001-2003 Biennium Appropriations Act authorizes this two and one-tenth percent (2.1%) vendor rate increase for MAA fee-for-service programs. The maximum allowable fees have been adjusted to reflect the changes listed above.

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Technical ChangesI. Laboratory

The following laboratory codes are now billable by Blood Banks:

CPT Code	Short Description	Maximum Allowable Fee
83898	Molecular nucleic amplification	\$23.17
83912	Genetic examination	\$11.10
85210	Blood clot factor II test	\$6.11
85300	Antithrombin III test	\$11.79
85303	Blood clot inhibitor test, protein C	\$13.76
85305	Blood clot inhibitor assay, protein S	\$11.53
85306	Blood clot inhibitor test, protein S	\$15.25
85335	Iron stain, blood cells	\$12.82
85378	Fibrin degradation	\$7.10
85410	Fibrinolytic antiplasminogen	\$7.68
85420	Fibrinolytic plasminogen	\$6.51
85576	Blood platelet aggregation	\$15.61
85595	Platelet count, automated	\$4.45
85635	Reptilase test	\$8.70
85705	Thromboplastin inhibition	\$9.39
85999	Unlisted hematology procedure	By Report

Attached are updated replacement pages 9-18 for MAA's Blood Bank Services Billing Instructions, dated July 1999. To obtain this fee schedule electronically go to MAA's website at <http://maa.dshs.wa.gov>.

Please bill MAA your usual and customary fee.